



Stella Creasy MP

Working For Walthamstow



www.AlexBellPhotography.co.uk

22 May 2013

Our Ref: JB/P/210513

Dear George,

Electrification of the Barking to Gospel Oak Line

I am writing to you regarding the electrification of the Barking to Gospel Oak line and the calls for this to be considered in the forthcoming Spending Review in June.

Even in this period of austerity, it is vital that investment in UK infrastructure continues. It makes little sense to be investing in projects in Crossrail and the Tube upgrade, when a large section of London continues to be served by diesel trains.

This continued use of diesel also has negative environmental effects. Indeed, I understand from colleagues that electrification is supported by Transport for London and National Rail, both of whom who have declared financial support for the project.

I am urging you to rethink the decision to omit electrification of the line from the previous budget and ask that it is included in the forthcoming Spending Round in June. It has been shown to be a good value for money project and would bring benefits for this living in my constituency as well as the city as a whole.

Yours sincerely

Stella Creasy
Labour and Cooperative MP for Walthamstow

Rt Hon George Osborne
Chancellor of the Exchquer
HM Treasury
1, Horseguards Road
London
SW1A 2HQ